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## Honored to Serve the Ocean State



Dear Friends,

Like many of you, I was thrilled to hear the news last week that Rhode Island will be keeping both of our congressional districts. Thanks to the phenomenal work of the Complete Count Committee and all Rhode Islanders who completed their census forms, Rhode Island will still have two voices in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next decade. I've been honored to serve Rhode Island as one of those voices, and I will continue to use my voice to speak up for working families across our state.

Congress is focused on crushing the COVID-19 virus and getting Americans back to work. After passing the American Rescue Plan, which has brought billions of dollars in federal funding into the Ocean State, we are now working hard to advance President Biden's American Jobs Plan to make a once-in-a-generation investment in our aging infrastructure.

The American Jobs Plan will devote \$600 billion towards transforming the nation's transportation infrastructure, including

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## Save The Date

## RARE PLANTS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Southside Community Land Trust's annual rare and unusual plant sale Order online: May 11-17 Pickup at City Farm: May 15-18

## Did You Know...?

### WE HAVE A WINNER

The first-place winner of Rep. Langevin's 2021 Congressional Art Competition was Oswald Montepeque of Cranston High School West! Thanks to all the talented students who submitted their artwork! >>

#### **FAST FACT**

All Rhode Islanders are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine!
Remember - it's safe, it's effective, and it's the best way to keep yourself and your community safe. Sign up today! >>

## In Other News

\$85 billion to modernize our public transit, and \$50 billion to improve climate resiliency. President Biden's plan will invest \$400 billion to expand access to home and community-based services for older Americans and people with disabilities, improving quality of care and creating good-paying jobs in the caregiving workforce. I will also fight hard to ensure that robust funding for career and technical education and workforce development programs make it over the finish line, and I applaud the President's American Families Plan for addressing teacher shortages and improving the quality of education.

With more than 60% of adult Rhode Islanders at least partially vaccinated against COVID-19, we are finally turning a corner in the battle to defeat this pandemic. Still, our work is far from over, and I remain as committed as ever to keeping Rhode Islanders healthy and getting our economy back on track.

To keep up with the latest on COVID relief, please visit <u>my website</u> and follow me on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

Sincerely,



# INFRASTRUCTURE Season for the modern era A few week

# Start of RIDOT's Construction Season

A few weeks ago, I joined Governor McKee and the rest of my colleagues from RI's congressional delegation underneath the Providence Viaduct to celebrate the beginning of RIDOT's construction season. Together, we've secured more than \$430 million in grants to invest in infrastructure projects all across Rhode Island and make our roadways safer and less congested for drivers and passengers alike. Good luck to RIDOT on another successful year of construction.



## **Eliminating the Gender Wage Gap**

Last month, I proudly voted in favor of H.R. 7, the *Paycheck Fairness Act*, which I've supported since entering Congress in 2001. Equal work deserves equal pay, and no employer should be allowed to pay a woman less than a man for doing the exact same work. H.R. 7 will make it harder to pay women less than they deserve and easier for

# FIRST NATIONAL CYBER DIRECTOR

President Biden nominated Chris Inglis to be the inaugural National Cyber Director, a position created by Rep. Langevin's National Cyber Director Act, which was passed into law as part of last year's defense bill. >>

# VOTING FOR DC STATEHOOD

Rep. Langevin voted in favor of H.R. 51 to admit Washington, D.C., into the Union as the 51st state and grant equal voting rights to the 700,000 Americans living there. The legislation passed the House 216-208.

# JUSTICE FOR GEORGE FLOYD

After former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was found guilty on all charges in the murder of George Floyd, Rep. Langevin said, "George Floyd's life mattered. I'm heartened the jury agreed."

# SPEAKING UP FOR ARMENIA

Rep. Langevin applauded President Biden's recognition of the Armenian genocide and signed a letter supporting \$100 million in U.S. aid to Armenia following Turkish and Azerbaijani attacks last year. >>

# HIGHLIGHTING ARPA'S IMPACT IN RI

Rep. Langevin invited North Kingstown Town Manager Ralph Mollis to be his virtual guest for President Biden's first Joint Address to Congress. >>

# COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING ANNOUNCED

women to seek legal recourse when they've been unfairly discriminated against. The legislation now awaits action in the Senate, where, hopefully, it will be taken up soon.

Rep. Langevin announced 10 Community Project Funding requests that he intends to champion during the 2021 Congressional appropriations process. >>

## HOUSE PASSES LANGEVIN CYBER BILL

The House of Representatives passed Rep. Langevin's *Cyber Diplomacy Act*, which will create an office within the State Department to develop and enforce international norms around cybersecurity with our top allies. >>

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